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# Hancock calls in the RCMP as Redford resigns

**Resignation No. 2.**  
After quitting premier's job in March, Redford gives up MLA role, too



**RYAN TUMILTY**  
Metro in Edmonton

Premier Dave Hancock called on the RCMP Wednesday to investigate the use of government aircraft after former premier Alison Redford resigned as an MLA, the day before the release of what's expected to be a damning report from the auditor general on her use of the planes.

Redford announced early Wednesday she would be resigning her Calgary-Elbow seat. The auditor's report is set to be released Thursday.

Hancock has already reviewed the report and said,

after seeking legal advice, he wants the Mounties to examine the issue.

"As soon as the report is publicly available tomorrow I will be directing the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General to refer this matter to the RCMP," he said in a statement.

In a followup news conference, Hancock wouldn't reveal what in the report triggered his decision, but said he wants the public to have confidence in government.

"I think in the interest of completeness and the interest of the public being fully satisfied that everything appropriate has been done, that it is appropriate to have certain uses investigated," he said.

Redford announced her resignation through a letter to newspapers in Edmonton and Calgary, acknowledging she could have done better.

"In hindsight, there are

many things I would have done differently," she said. "That said, I accept responsibility for all the decisions I have made."

Reports of misuse of government aircraft emerged last week, including allegations the premier's office booked false passengers so the premier could fly alone.

Hancock said it was time for Redford to step down so the province could move forward.

"The premier, in my view, did the honourable thing by tendering her resignation," he said.

Hancock said he doesn't believe anyone else needs to be held accountable for any possible misuse of government aircraft and rejected the notion his government had a sense of entitlement.

"I do not believe this is a systemic issue. I do not believe cabinet members are abusing their role," he said.



Premier Dave Hancock said Wednesday he will ask the RCMP to investigate the use of government aircraft. The premier's announcement came hours after former premier Alison Redford, inset, resigned as an MLA amid swirling controversy surrounding her use of the planes.

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#### Timeline of trouble

### Redford's downfall

**Dec. 10:** Redford and an aide attend the memorial for former South African president Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg. It is later revealed she spent \$45,000 on the travel while Nova Scotia's premier made the trip for under \$1,000.

**Feb. 19:** Government records say Redford's executive assistant is billing taxpayers more than \$200 a night to stay at a ritzy Edmonton hotels, totalling more than \$9,000 for 42 nights.

**March 4:** Redford reveals that in the last one-and-a-half years, she has flown her daughter Sarah and the girl's friends around on a government aircraft.

**March 19:** Redford calls a news conference to announce she is resigning as premier, but will stay on as a government backbencher.

**March 28:** Documents released by the province reveal plans for a taxpayer-funded penthouse "premier's suite" on top of a government building near the legislature. The plan for what became known as the "sky palace" was scrapped, but not before \$173,000 was spent on design work. Documents also reveal Redford's inner circle are entitled to more than \$1.3 million in severance.

**July 29:** The Opposition Wildrose calls for an RCMP investigation into Redford's use of government aircraft after the CBC reports that a leaked version of an auditor general's review said Redford's staff blocked others from flying on government planes so she could fly alone. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



From left: Alberta PC leadership candidates Ric McIver, Jim Prentice and Thomas Lukaszuk. METRO FILE

# Premier hopefuls distance themselves from Redford

**Candidates.** Prentice, Lukaszuk and McIver all say Redford was right to resign as MLA



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The perceived front-runner in the race to become the next premier of Alberta had few words Wednesday about Alison Redford's resignation, while the other two candidates were quick to say good riddance and claim the moral high ground.

PC leadership candidate Jim Prentice issued a terse

statement on Facebook about Redford's departure from politics, while both Ric McIver and Thomas Lukaszuk held press conferences to share their views.

"I will say this: I started cleaning out the rot in January, when I killed the sky palace," McIver told reporters, using a colloquial phrase for the penthouse executive suite Redford wanted to build for herself.

McIver added he "wouldn't be surprised" if pressure from the PC caucus, in addition to Thursday's looming release of the auditor general's report into allegedly extravagant use of government aircraft, led to Redford's decision to quit.

Lukaszuk, meanwhile, said Redford's actions "cast a shadow" over the party, the government and politicians in general, and distracted Albertans from more meaningful public discourse.

Lukaszuk also said he was an early critic of Redford's, and paid a political price for it at the time.

"There was a reason I was demoted abruptly (in December 2013) from the position of deputy premier," he said. "I was the first one to say that I believe this government has lost the authority to govern, while the premier was still in her seat."

Prentice declined an interview request Wednesday, referring Metro to his Facebook

#### McCormick's take

Alberta PC party president Jim McCormick said Wednesday it was Alison Redford's "personal choices that led to her demise."

- "Her Premiership started off with such promise, and coming out of a strong victory in 2012, Albertans were excited and engaged at the potential for our province," McCormick said in a statement issued Wednesday.

statement, which described Redford's resignation as "the right and honourable thing."

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Darrell Johnson stands outside his Elbow River home. He said work to repair the residence is far from over and he doesn't believe outgoing MLA Alison Redford helped him one bit with getting back on his feet. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

# Constituents balk at Redford's claim that flood work is done

**Historic flood fallout.** Many homes remain abandoned or are still under reconstruction



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Darrell Johnson lost his cat, his home and his health in last June's historic flood.

He's never met Alison Redford but, like many in her former riding of Calgary-Elbow, he has an opinion about her.

"She's the kind of person that looks out for herself," said the 58-year-old, who lives in a basement suite along Sirocco Drive. "I don't think Alison Redford helped me one bit."

Redford resigned from her MLA post Wednesday.

In an online statement, the former premier said: "For the past few months, I have focused on constituency work, much of it related to helping families still coping with the aftermath of the floods. I felt that work was important, but it is now complete and it is time to move forward."

But Johnson said he's far from finished with the nightmare left in the wake of the 2013 flood. His suite still looks "like a bomb blew up in it," and his health isn't what it used to be.

He was asleep in the suite when the water rushed in and claims to have spent three days in the upper storey of his landlord's home, unable to reach food or water.

When it came time to begin cleaning up, Johnson says he developed an infection in his arm and spent a month in

hospital. All told, he's received \$13,500 in provincial government compensation since the flood — not nearly enough to rebuild his life, he says.

"I am that 1-in-1,000 guy that had everything go wrong," he said.

Johnson wasn't alone in his criticism. Erin Robinson lives in a home next to Elbow Park School that was also flooded and saw its property value drop by \$200,000.

She questioned Redford's comments, noting restoration work is far from over.

"There's still a lot of people dealing with insurance.... Their claims aren't being filled to what they were promised," she said.

"I've been a Conservative all my life," Robinson added. "This is the first time ever that I'm kind of reconsidering my options politically."

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# 'You've got to be smart'

**'Dangerous chemicals.'** Calgary police aim to educate festival crowd in wake of drug overdoses

Calgary police conceded Wednesday they can't stop every entrant to upcoming city

music festivals from doing drugs, but hope education will be the key to sparing anyone from suffering serious harm.

Officials have advised people due to attend major Calgary electronic festivals like Chasing Summer and the Mad Decent Block Party to take steps to ensure personal safety after a spate of drug

overdoses at similar events in recent weeks.

Five people, including an Alberta woman, died of suspected drug overdoses over the weekend at festivals in Penticton, Toronto and the Maryland area.

"You've got to be smart," said Staff Sgt. Doug Hudacin. "You have to understand that these are dangerous chem-

icals that people are consuming. You have no idea what it is you're taking."

Hudacin said his understanding is that tests are still being done on drug samples gathered at festivals elsewhere, but said it's common for dealers to cut other substances into their products to reduce costs.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Tanis Jex-Blake takes part in a bikini protest in Edmonton on Wednesday.

JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Mocked over stretch marks. Support grows for Alberta mom

About two dozen women pulled on bikinis in downtown Edmonton to support a mother who says she was mocked over her stretch marks.

Tanis Jex-Blake says she was tanning on a beach west of the city last week when three young people pointed at her stomach and called her "nasty" and "gross."

The mother of five later posted an open letter on Facebook describing how she's proud of her scars, not

ashamed.

Her story has made news in several countries and other women have been proudly sending her photos of their imperfect bellies.

Some moms at the rally say they decided to show up wearing two-piece swimsuits for the first time in years.

Jex-Blake says she is happy for the encouragement and hopes people will learn that all bodies are beautiful.

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### McKenzie Lake

#### Kids unharmed after fire destroyed their house

Maxwell Ushalla was at work when he heard his home had burned down.

"My sister called me and told me about the fire," he said Wednesday afternoon, outside the destroyed McKenzie Lake house. "We have four kids that were inside, so we're glad all of them were safe."

Fire crews got the call about the house fire in the 14500 block of Mount McKenzie Drive SE just before 1 p.m. Four houses were evacuated for safety.

KEN VAN DE WALLE/FOR METRO

### Blackfoot Trail

#### Rabbit's fate uncertain after mobile home blaze

A pet rabbit was unaccounted for after fire tore through a mobile home in southeast Calgary Wednesday afternoon.

The blaze broke out in the 9200 block of Blackfoot Trail SE at about 4:40 p.m., according to the fire department. Firefighters called a second alarm due to the extent of the blaze.

A neighbour woke up the lone occupant of the house and helped him get out safely. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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# \$31M for watershed health, flood protection

**Provincial funding.** Programs will focus on restoration, conservation

The Alberta government announced \$21 million in funding Wednesday for a new program that would improve watershed health, and \$10 million to enhance flood- and drought-prone areas.

"These programs will help build greater long-term resistance for Alberta communities to drought and flood, to restoration, conservation, education and stewardship," said Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Minister Robin Campbell.

The Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) will create and enhance wetlands and riparian

areas, Campbell said, drawing funding from the \$600 million pledged in April for flood mitigation efforts.

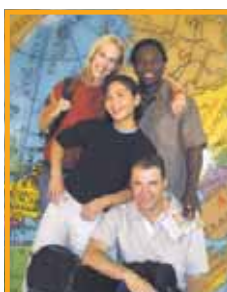
Campbell also announced the launch of the Southern Alberta Fisheries Enhancement and Sustainability Program, which would help restore fish habitats. Groups like Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited Canada and Cows and Fish have signed on as experts in habitat restoration.

"We would restore small wetlands, utilizing small, earthen structures," said Barry Bishop, head of conservation programs for Ducks Unlimited Canada in Alberta. "We would look for locations on the land where the wetland has been drained or lost, and work with landowners to get agreement, so we could go restore that wetland for a minimum 30-year agreement."

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Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Minister Robin Campbell announces the new programs in Calgary on Wednesday, JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO



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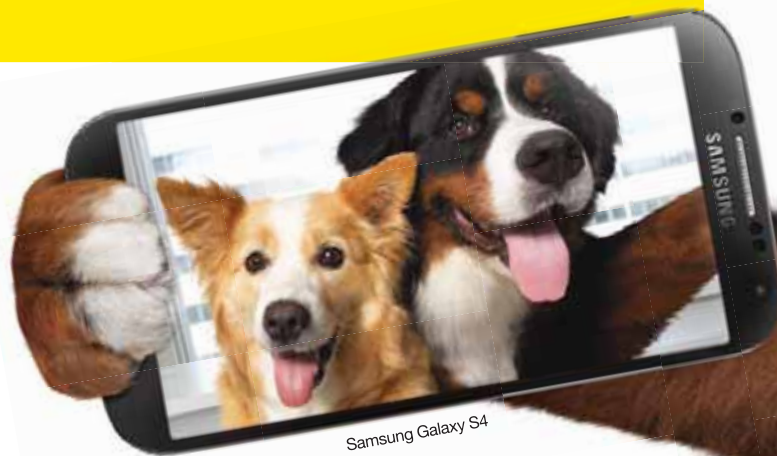
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# Top 40 for those with short attention spans

**Quickhitz.** Calgary's AMP Radio cuts its songs in half, but plays twice as many

Lengthy guitar intros, repeating choruses and incessant DJ chatter are on the chopping block at one Calgary radio station, which aims to be the first in the country to offer two dozen truncated songs every hour.

90.3 AMP rolled out its bold new strategy Friday, one that aims to appeal to music lovers who incessantly scroll for that perfect song on their portable music players, or motorists who live to belt out a single line from their favourite song on their way home from work.

"It's just a reflection of changing times.... It's amazing to watch young people with their iPods listening to 90 seconds of a song, then hitting next," said Steve Jones, vice-president of programming for Newcap Radio, which owns and operates AMP. "Media needs to react to the changing times and the way people are using the content."

The average song on AMP now runs from 1:45 to 2:30, Jones said. On Wednesday afternoon, for example, the station played Maps by Maroon 5 at 3:04 p.m., followed it up with Catch by Allie X at 3:06 p.m. and rounded things out with Iggy Azalea's Black Widow at 3:08 p.m.

Previously, AMP played a standard dozen songs in an hour.

But its shorter offerings haven't simply been trimmed from the front or back end,



The headquarters of Calgary's 90.3 AMP Radio is seen. The station is now playing twice as many songs at half the length. METRO FILE

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## Quoted

**"(Consumers) want more music, less talk, less commercial stops and they want to be able to use the radio to discover new music."**

Hillary Hommy,  
SparkNet Communications

Jones insisted; rather, they've been skillfully cut through a service offered by Vancouver-based SparkNet Communications called Quickhitz.

Hillary Hommy, SparkNet's vice-president of brands and network, said AMP is the first in Canada to adopt the offering and deemed the process used by the company's song editor an "art form."

But not everyone is sold on the concept.

P.J. Lavergne, a singer with Calgary band Napalmpom, said while some good pop songs would hardly eclipse AMP's time limit, he fears other musical endeavours will be

three minutes, then maybe you shouldn't be playing the songs that you're playing."

Lavergne said AMP lost him as a listener years ago and noted the station has relied on stunts to generate headlines in the past, including setting fire to \$5,000 in cash earlier this year.

Jones said Newcap is fully anticipating some push-back to its new approach, but the bulk of initial feedback from artists has been positive.

"We keep the essence of the song intact," he said, adding many listeners won't be able to tell the difference.

Jones couldn't explain the intricacies of royalty agreements with artists, but he claimed the new approach wouldn't increase Newcap's costs despite more songs being required to fill the same airtime.

JEREMY NOLAS/METRO

"streamlined" as a result of the approach.

"I don't know if I'd call it insulting — that might be too harsh — but it's kind of a good burn, you know what I mean?" he said of the Quickhitz approach.

"Even more from the perspective of a music fan, I think it says more about what you think of your listeners. If you're worried about them being bored if the song is more than



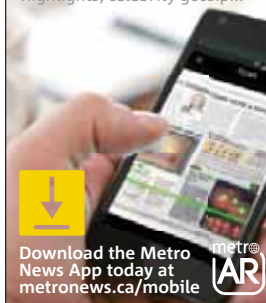
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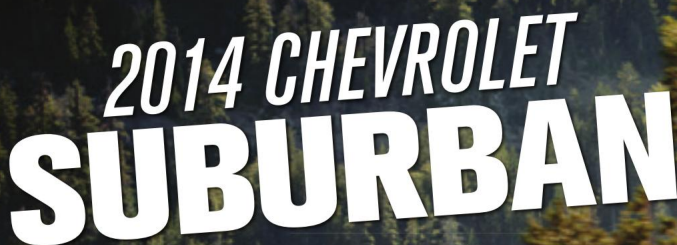
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# Experimental Ebola drug sparks debate

**'The responsible thing to do.'** Ethical questions raised amid deadly outbreak about who gets access to treatment

The use of an experimental drug to treat two Americans diagnosed with Ebola is raising ethical questions about who gets first access to unproven new therapies for the deadly disease. But some health experts fear debate over extremely limited doses will distract from tried-and-true measures to curb the growing outbreak — like more rapidly identifying and isolating the sick.

The World Health Organization is convening a meeting of medical ethicists next week to examine what it calls "the responsible thing to do"

about whatever supplies eventually may become available of a medicine that's never been tested on people.

At least one country involved in the outbreak is interested in the drug: Nigeria's health minister said at a news conference that he had asked U.S. officials about access.

There is no proven treatment or vaccine for Ebola, which so far has infected more than 1,700 and killed more than 930 in West Africa.

"How many times have we found magic therapies that ended up ... doing more harm than good?" cautioned University of Minnesota professor Michael Osterholm, who advises the U.S. government on infectious disease threats.

"Vaccine and drug treatment right now is not going to be the main way you bring this to a stop," he added.

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## Messages of peace and hope in Hiroshima

A girl prepares to release paper lanterns bearing messages of peace in the Motoyasu River near the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, Japan, on Wednesday, as Japan marked the 69th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Italy

## Concordia captain called 'unworthy' as safety lecturer

A Rome university professor is facing a disciplinary hearing after inviting Capt. Francesco Schettino of the shipwrecked Costa Concordia to lecture students on emergency procedures.

The dean of Rome's Sapienza University on Wednesday called it an "inappropriate and unworthy choice." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Kenya

## Man who offered livestock to marry Chelsea Clinton killed by elephant

The editor of a weekly magazine says journalist Godwin Chepkurgor, the Kenyan man who once offered former U.S. president Bill Clinton 40 goats and 20 cows for his daughter Chelsea's hand in marriage, has been killed by an elephant.

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# More than 50 dead following Baghdad car-bomb attacks

**Iraq.** Densely populated areas targeted by militant Iraqi Sunnis

A string of car bombs tore through busy shopping streets in several Baghdad neighbourhoods Wednesday night killing 51 people as the army announced one of its airstrikes killed 60 militants in the northern city of Mosul.

Baghdad police said the first attack came from a pair of car bombs that exploded in the densely populated Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City, killing 31 people, followed by another bomb in the nearby area of Ur that claimed another 11 lives.

Nine more people were killed in the southeast of the city shortly afterward by two more car bombs.

Baghdad has been on edge since Sunni militants led by the radical Islamic State group conquered large swaths of the country's north, including the second-largest city of Mosul. While the fighters have stopped short of advancing on the capital there has been a steady campaign of car bombs in the city.

The attack came as state-run television announced a rare government victory with an airstrike in Mosul that killed some 60 suspected militants.

The report, which cited unnamed intelligence officials, could not be independently verified, nor

## Airstrikes

**"The prison was partly damaged in the airstrike."**

Anonymous Mosul resident

did it say whether any civilians had been killed in the strike on the northern city of Mosul. It did state that the strike freed about 300 people held by the Islamic State group at a downtown Mosul prison.

A Mosul resident, speaking anonymously, told The Associated Press that families of the prisoners rushed to the site to help their relatives after the airstrike.

"The prison was partly damaged in the airstrike," he said.

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## Leaders burned in effigy

Activists of Socialist Unity Center of India, or SUCI, burn effigies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and U.S. President Barack Obama during a protest against Israel's attack on Gaza in Kolkata, India, on Wednesday. BIKAS DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Afghanistan

### Afghan soldier who shot U.S. general hid in bathroom

An Afghan soldier who killed a U.S. two-star general and wounded 15 other people hid in a bathroom with a NATO assault rifle, then opened fire when a group of officers from international forces passed by, an Afghan military official said Wednesday.

As U.S. and Afghan officials investigated the attack Tuesday that killed Maj. Gen. Harold J. Greene, the highest-ranked U.S. officer to be slain in combat since 1970 in the Vietnam War, authorities reported two other so-called "insider" attacks the same day.

In the deadliest of the attacks, an Afghan police officer killed seven of his colleagues at a checkpoint, then stole their weapons and fled in a police car late Tuesday in the Urzgan provincial capital of Tirmidh, provincial spokesman Doost Mohammad Nayab said.

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# 24-hour truce sparks Syrian withdrawal from Lebanese town

Some Syrian militant fighters have begun withdrawing from the Lebanese town they captured five days earlier as a new 24-hour ceasefire was announced Wednesday, according to the Lebanese army and the Muslims clerics that mediated the deal.

It is not clear how many mil-

itants are actually leaving the border town of Aarsal and previous ceasefires have collapsed, but three more captured Lebanese soldiers were released as part of the agreement, according to the mediators in a televised press conference.

"Most of the gunmen have begun moving toward Syria,"

said Sheik Hussam al-Ghali, a member of the Association of Muslim Scholars group that brokered the ceasefire in what has been the most serious spill-over from Syria's civil war.

Lebanon's former prime minister, meanwhile, announced that Saudi Arabia is granting another \$1 billion in

aid to the Lebanese army to support its fight against militants.

Fighting in Aarsal first began on Saturday when militants from Syria overran the town, which lies near the border with Syria. They seized Lebanese army positions and captured a number of soldiers and police-

men, demanding the release of a prominent Syrian rebel commander, Imad Ahmad Jomaa, who was arrested in Lebanon earlier that day.

At least 17 Lebanese soldiers have been killed and another 22 — as well as an unknown number of policemen — have been declared missing.

The capture of Aarsal was the first time in Syria's conflict, now in its fourth year, that rebels seeking the overthrow of President Bashar Assad have carried out a large-scale incursion into Lebanon, raising concerns that the country is being sucked into its neighbour's bloodletting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# What will 2025 be like?

### Uh, experts are divided.

In 11 years robots could take most of the jobs ... or not. A new survey found respondents split on what the future holds

In 2025, self-driving cars could be the norm, people could have more leisure time and goods could become cheaper. Or, there could be chronic unemployment and an even wider income gap, human interaction could become a luxury and the wealthy could live in walled cit-

ies with robots serving as labour.

Or, very little could change.

A survey released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center's Internet Project and Elon University's Imagining the Internet Center found that, when asked about the impact of artificial intelligence on jobs, nearly 1,900 experts and other respondents were divided over what to expect 11 years from now. Forty-eight per cent said robots would kill more jobs than they create, and 52 per cent said technology will create more jobs than it destroys.

Respondents also varied widely when asked to elaborate on their expectations of jobs in

the next decade. Some said that self-driving cars would be common, eliminating taxi cab and long-haul truck drivers. Some said that we should expect the wealthy to live in seclusion,

using robot labour. Others were more conservative, cautioning that technology never moves quite as fast as people expect and humans aren't so easily replaceable. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# THE SEVEN LEVELS OF CONCERT HELL

My fellow concert-goers can go to hell.

Each summer I can't focus on the divine bands, the heavenly music, or the right path to the pulled-pork taco stand. Why? Because every concert is overrun with lost souls — empty husks who gorge themselves on watery beer, lurch toward the stage as if nobody else is there, and yell "Whooo!!!" for what are clearly roadies tuning the guitars.

Over the years boorish concert-goers have left me disillusioned and angry. Hell is other patrons.

Fortunately, I had a revelation recently that brought me back from the Dark Side of the Moon. Travelling over The Wall and through the Court of the Crimson King, I came upon the Divine Concert Hall, seven levels of concert-themed revenge that let me know there is Justice For All, eventually. Behold the Seven Levels of Concert Hell. (I know there are normally nine rings, but cutbacks.)

**First Circle: The Sulkers.** Sin: People who sit scowling, arms folded, because their boyfriend or girlfriend had the nerve



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to grant them free admission to a concert but (sniff) they don't like the band. Punishment: Thrust onto hell's Jumbotron, where they are dumped for all eternity on the "Breakup Cam."

**Second Circle: The Spillers.** Sin: Concert-goers who slosh beer down your back because they bought a tray of five Coors Light for their buddies in the front row. Punishment: They can order beer, but the plastic cup has a big crack in it.

**Third Circle: The Requesters.** Sin: Yelling out a request repeatedly despite the band's setlist taped to the stage and a multi-million-dollar light show timed to the music. Punishment: Satan grabs their wrist and whacks their hand against their forehead, saying, "Why don't you stop hitting yourself?" for all eternity.

**Fourth Circle: The Talkers.** Sin: People who natter like they're providing descriptive video ("HERE THEY COME ... I LOVE THIS SONG! ... SO AWESOME!"). Punishment: Eternity as a

mime, in mime hell.

**Fifth Circle: The Phoners.** Sin: People who endlessly use their phone, especially for selfies while facing away from the stage. Punishment: Drowning in the shallow pool of their own ego while Satan's minions take Instagram photos tagged #YODO.

**Sixth Circle: The Blockers.** Sin: People who arrive late, then push to the front. Punishment: Access granted to the Pearly Gates, but St. Peter never takes their name because there's a guy in front with a girl on his shoulders.

**Seventh Circle: The Singers.** Sin: Concert-goers who treat your left ear like it's their shower head, belting out tunes so loud it's like you paid \$130 for a pro-am duet. Punishment: Britney Spears without autotune.

That's hell in a nutshell. And I haven't even warned you about the most ironic punishment of all: The least remorseful hell-dwellers must listen to the song *Irony* on repeat while a person next to them says, "You know what's *really* ironic is that *Irony* isn't *even* ironic!" May God (as portrayed by Alanis Morissette in *Dogma*) have mercy on your souls.

## Plight of the Puffin



An Atlantic puffin checks its surrounding before ducking under the rocks to feed its chicks in a burrow on Eastern Egg Rock, a small island off the coast of Maine. ROBERT F. BUKATY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Tourist help sought by scientists to stop puffin starvation

The Audubon Society wants bird lovers to contribute research to a project scientists hope will help save Atlantic puffins from starvation in Maine.

There are about 1,000 pairs of the seabirds, known for their multi-coloured beaks, in Maine.

Audubon says the number of puffin fledging chicks has declined in the last two years, possibly because their key food source, herring and hake, are leaving for cooler waters. While

the puffin enjoys healthy numbers in places such as Newfoundland, they are on the threatened species list in Maine.

Audubon maintains three webcams on Seal Island in outer Penobscot Bay, one of the key puffin habitats in Maine. Volunteers are being asked to watch the birds and answer questions about their feeding behaviour.

"(We're) hoping to advance the science as well as entertain the viewers," said Steve Kress of the Audubon Society. "There are some questions that can be better answered through lots of people viewing."

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### The two-faced bird

Most people only know a puffin when it is "dressed up" for the breeding season and would hardly recognize it in its plainer winter garb.

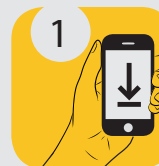
- After the breeding season, the adult puffin sheds the colourful plates on its bill and around the eyes and moults the feathers on its head and neck.

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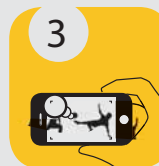
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### We still don't know what he says, but he apparently eats GoPros

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From bike helmets to surfboards, the pint-sized GoPro lens seems like the go-to device for anyone wishing to capture their athletic and adventurous feats. Another feat? Managing to chow down on the camera. One little and adorable fox was brave enough to take on the challenge. And luckily for our viewing pleasure, the camera was still rolling. Not so lucky was the destroyed camera, or its owner. (TheOpenLens/YouTube)



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# New improv show celebrates colourful characters of the N.E.

## Northeast not so bad.

Neighbourhoods bring back fond memories for actors behind Fringe Fest production at the Loose Moose



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Jamie Northan and Andrew Phung know very well there are some negative connotations associated with Calgary's northeast quadrant.

But having grown up in such neighbourhoods as Whitehorn, Rundle, Falconridge and Temple, the local actors are protective and even boastful about the area, which includes some of the city's lowest-income communities.

"It's such a colourful place," says Phung, who along with Northan has collected his favourite memories of growing up in Calgary for a new improv show being mounted Friday at Loose Moose Theatre as part of the Calgary Fringe Festival.

"When we talk about the N.E., I walk away smiling at the memories of all these people who have been in my life."

Northeast: The Show is a 75-minute production made up of a series of improv scenes, featuring characters and stories pulled from the pair's real-life experiences.

"We're going to talk to the audience, as well, and see what kind of input they have

### Fringe Festival

Northeast: The Show will be hosted by Terry (Dave Lawrence) of FUBAR fame and starts at 10:30 p.m. on Friday night at Loose Moose Theatre (Crossroads Market, 1235 - 26 Ave. S.E.)

- Tickets. Can be purchased at the door for \$15 (\$10 with a Fringe Festival button).
- More info online. calgaryfringe.ca

and what kind of memories they have of the N.E.," says Northan. "Events that shaped their lives, and we'll just kind of incorporate it into our knowledge of the N.E."

Some characters who may pop up during the performance include a handful of convenience store and restaurant owners, shopping mall security guards and an '80s headbanger known as Super Dave.

"Super Dave was just a guy who rode his bike around the neighbourhood," Northan explains.

"He had long, flowing blonde hair and a leather vest with a jean jacket underneath. When he'd take the vest off, there'd be all these metal band names on the jacket. He called his 10-speed bike his hog. And his girlfriend Joy would follow him around on foot, about five minutes behind him, wherever he was going ... They were staples of the neighbourhood."

There has been a lot of buzz about Northeast: The



Andrew Phung and Jamie Northan give props to Calgary's northeast in their new improv production. CONTRIBUTED

Show since its Facebook page went up a few weeks ago. Northan says people have even shared their own memories of growing up in the quadrant's communities.

"We'll just say the title of the show, and people don't even know if it's improv or what it is, and they're just like, 'When is it? I'm going,'" he says.

Northan first met his stage partner 12 years ago, when he taught improv theatre to drama students at Bishop McNally High School, where Phung was a student.

Phung was so taken with improv, he and a group of friends started hanging out at Calgary's renowned Loose Moose Theatre Company.

"We were the Asian Inva-

sion," Phung recalls with a laugh. "The Loose Moose had never seen eight Asian kids show up from the LRT in hip-hop clothing ... We could be loud, we could break things, we could play characters and not get in trouble. We'd never been to a place where you could do this kind of thing and not get in trouble. It saved us."



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## Travolta's private pilot planning tell-all book about 'our little secret'

A man who claims to have been John Travolta's boyfriend for six years is planning to publish a tell-all book about the relationship, the National Enquirer reports.

"I'd stay in the room next to John in luxury hotels," Greg Gotterba, who acted as Travolta's private pilot at the time, tells the tabloid. "Sometimes he'd bring women along as beards. But

he would ask me to join him in his suite and we'd spend the nights together. It was our little secret."

Gotterba says his relationship with Travolta ended shortly before the star married Kelly Preston.

"I feel sorry for Kelly. She's a lovely person," he adds. "She's in the middle of all this, and it's unfair to her."

## No fourth Affleck on way, despite Garner's comfy garb

To be fair, Jennifer Garner has spent a good chunk of the last decade pregnant, so it's understandable that some tabloids would jump to the conclusion that she and Ben Affleck are expecting once again just because she was spotted wearing a number of loose-fitting tops recently. Despite claims by OK! and Star that there's a fourth Affleck child on the way, Garner's rep insists that the reports are "not true."



Jennifer Garner

# METRO DISH

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### The Word



## I shoulda stuck with movies, O.C. star Barton tells U.K. paper

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Metro in Hollywood

Guys, Mischa Barton has some regrets — namely taking the role of Marissa Cooper on The O.C.

In hindsight, Barton tells Metro U.K. that she should "probably not" have accepted the role that made her famous.

"It's something I came so close to not doing. I had a really great thing with film. People say, be grateful for what you have, but it certainly (was) not the kind

of thing I was expecting it to be. I've kind of seen it all," she says, punctuating her statement, I can only imagine, with a weary sigh and a drag on a Gitanes.

Two more surprising details emerge from this interview: One, Barton is only 28 years old, and two, she has a tenuous grasp of the English language.

Case in point: "I just like to be seen for the hard-working actress that I am and not for a bunch of extraneous press. In general people are super-quick to harbour on the gossip stuff and less on how much work goes into it," she says. "It's really tough when you are young in this business. People blow a lot of hot air at you."

I ... OK.



Charlie Sheen

## Charlie's off the market according to his new ring

Charlie Sheen's fiancée, porn star Brett Rossi, clearly likes it, because she put a ring on it.

Sources tell Radar Online that Sheen has been wearing a "man's engagement ring" at Rossi's insistence. I'm usually against male jewelry on principle, but I can understand her concern. This is Charlie Sheen, after all.

"Brett forced Charlie to wear the wedding band,

which he is wearing as an engagement ring," a source says.

"Charlie continues to hang around with other women, which infuriates Brett. It's disrespectful to their relationship, and Brett wants to make it clear that Charlie is off the market."

Whether it's to make it clear to the other women or to Sheen himself, I'm not sure.

### Twitter



@ElizabethHurley

I confess I'd score a big, fat zero in any chemistry or physics test. Have agreed to sit in on my son's holiday tuition classes. Horror.



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# He wore an itsy bitsy teenie weenie pair of swim trunks

**Significant shrinkage.** Today's poolside loungers are leaving little to the imagination

**RICHARD PECKETT**

Metro World News

This season, the most fashionable men come in small swimwear packages. Chaps

are dropping the baggy board shorts in favour of a snugger look. British high street retailer Debenhams has seen sales of tiny trunks rise by 242 per cent — a stark contrast to the women's trend for conservative '50s-style costumes.

Clearly men are taking a tip from the 'bare it all' male celebrities like David Beckham, David Gandy, and even Giorgio Armani.

If you can't beat 'em, throw on a pair of micro swim shorts.



Dan Ward Printed Swim Shorts, \$220. MRPORTER.COM



ASOS Swim Trunks, \$19-35. ASOS.COM



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# Five affordable food appliances

Whether you're living in a dorm or off-campus this year, being able to prepare your own meals is the most cost-effective — and often the tastiest — way to eat. Here's a lineup of affordable and stylish countertop appliances to get you through the school year. Bon appetit!



**DESIGN CENTRE**  
Karl Lohnes  
home@metronews.ca



## Coffee maker

Single-brew coffee is easy, less messy and the coffee capsules come in a large variety of flavours. Keurig B130 DeskPro Brewing System, \$113, Amazon.ca.

## Toaster oven

Heat bagels, toast or even leftover pizza for breakfast. Hamilton Beach's 2-in-1 Toastation not only warms toast but has oven capacity, \$50, HamiltonBeach.ca



## Tea kettle

With the price of this baby, you can now afford to upgrade your tea blends. Traditions 1 Litre Automatic Electric Kettle, \$12, CanadianTire.ca

## Microwave oven

Warm up the leftovers you stole from home last Sunday. Danby 0.7 Cubic Feet Microwave Oven, \$60, HomeDepot.ca



## Popcorn popper

Popcorn is cheap but the entertainment and snack factor is priceless. West Bend's Air Crazy Corn Popper, \$19, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

## That's one smart cooker. Crock-Pot with app lets you tap in to cook dinner

Belkin and JCS have teamed up on a smartphone compatible slow cooker which can be controlled remotely from the next room, or even the next city.

Slow cooking is definitely moving back into fashion and, over the holiday season, slow cookers were one of the biggest kitchen appliance gifts, particularly in the U.S. However, while they're a great way of making the perfect stew or making the most of beans and pulses, using one can be time-consuming.

The Crock-Pot Smart Slow Cooker uses Belkin's WeMo smart power system and smartphone app so that you won't need to hang around in the kitchen as it comes up to pressure, as its status can be monitored and adjusted simply through swipes and taps on a handset.

As well as the smart features, the Crock-Pot also has traditional manual controls for taking a more hands-on approach and for those moments when the Wi-Fi router needs resetting and the home

network goes down.

The Crock-Pot Smart Slow Cooker enabled with WeMo is available to order now in the U.S. for \$129.99. AFP

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### Remote cookery

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This recipe serves four to six. PIERRE BEAUCHEMIN

# Give poultry a hint of the exotic

**Lychee and Lemon Grass Chicken.** Using fruit to accent dishes offers a whole new taste

1. In a Dutch oven, reduce by half the wine, sake, and lemon juice with the lemongrass. Add the lychee juice. Cool.
2. Heat the butter in a heavy-bottom frying pan. Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Brown them on both sides. Put them into the lychee stock. Marinate for 4 hours on the counter, so all the flavours are infused into the chicken. Add the chicken bouillon to the marinade. Heat to 194 F (90 C), cooking slowly for 20 to 25 minutes. The internal temperature should be 167 F (75 C). Remove the chicken breasts at this point and keep them warm. Reduce the cooking liquid by half.
3. In a saucepan, reduce the cream by half. Mix cold water with the thickener (veloutine or potato starch) in a separate bowl. Add it, a little at a time, to the cooking liquid to achieve the desired consistency (wait for the boil because the starch only begins to work at this point). Add the reduced cream and adjust the seasoning. Add the lychees and chicken breasts and heat for a few minutes to 194 F (90 C).
4. Serve with rice and sprinkle with chives.

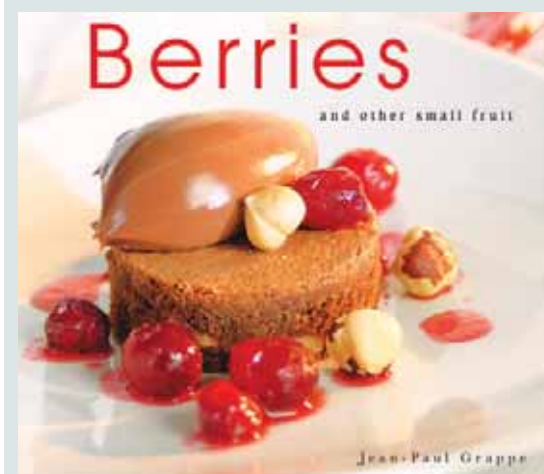
RECIPE EXCERPTED FROM **ROM BERRIES AND OTHER SMALL FRUIT** BY JEAN-PAUL GRAPPE (FITZHENRY & WHITESIDE, 2014)

## Ingredients

- 6 tbsp (90 ml) white wine
- 6 tbsp (90 ml) sake
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 4 stalks of lemongrass
- 1 cup (250 ml) lychee juice, fresh or unsweetened canned
- 1/2 cup (120 g) unsalted butter
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 skinless chicken breasts
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes,
- homemade or store-bought
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) heavy cream (35%)
- 2 1/2 oz (75 g) veloutine or potato starch
- 32 lychees, fresh or unsweetened canned
- 2 oz (40 g) chives, minced

## Cookbook of the Week

It's berry delicious



Jean-Paul Grappe, a chef and professor since 1956, is a respected francophone culinary professional and one of the most well-known chefs in Quebec. In his book *Berries and Other Small Fruit*, Grappe presents 60 recipes that will allow you to savour

berries in ways you never imagined. Among the dishes served up in this release are Blueberry Potato Crepes, Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Gentian Wine Sauce, Duck Montmorency with Cherry Syrup, Plum and Mascarpone Shortcakes, and more. **METRO**

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### **FOOD SAFETY**

The BDC study showed that international food safety incidents have caused concern.

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tain Ontario, and a cattle farmer in Norfolk County in Ontario.

### **ECONOMY**

According to the BDC study, a locally owned business can directly recirculate up to one-third of its revenues in the community. Local companies are more likely to use local suppliers.

### **COMMUNITY**

Local businesses help preserve the unique character of neighbourhoods. Buying locally provides the opportunity for personal interactions, too, with the farmer, shopkeeper, artist, etc.

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"And the quality and uniqueness of the products are amazing, as are their stories from around the world."

Fair trade products travel more directly to consumers, meaning producers get a larger share of the price and Ten Thousand Villages deals directly with the artisans, 70 per cent of which are women.

In the new location on 17th Avenue, Doran



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says the organization is able to promote fair trade with new customers who may not be as familiar with what the store provides.

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In addition to regular in-store or in-the-

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"Our customers are smart shoppers — they're men and women, mostly downtown urban professionals and those who live in the neighbourhood."

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With more than 1,000 fresh and delicious products from respected local growers and producers, Calgary Co-Op's popular Localize program is raising the bar for grocers and it's never been easier to make informed choices.

Calgary Co-Op gives each Localize item a local sustainability score from zero to 10, with 10 being the most local, according to Calgary Co-Op officials. "We support our local community by establishing local partnerships and relationships with other like-minded businesses while providing our members the information they need to make informed buying decisions. Now you'll know exactly where your food is coming from thanks to the Localize program."

Calgary Co-Op is turning heads again with a new pilot project that will see pop-up markets pop up over the next month at three different locations, says Calgary Co-Op pop-up market co-ordinator Darrell Komick.

"I think the whole idea is to put a face and voice to the product and help make that connection between producer and consumer even stronger. And we're really promoting the 'be fresh' and 'eat local' mantra we believe in so strongly. We're looking at the bigger picture."

There will be 12 to 15 producers and about half a dozen food trucks at all three pop-up markets, and Komick says it doesn't end there. Calgary Co-Op is committed to local and fresh with more than 1,000 local items available in store.

"We are taking advantage of the beautiful weather this summer, but into the fall we will have more chances for our customers to meet the producers. This is a year-round thing for us. Buying locally allows our shoppers to really understand the source of their food."

The Calgary Co-Op pop-up markets will run from 3-7 p.m. on the following days and locations:

- Aug. 21 at the Crowfoot location
- Sept. 4 at the Oakridge location
- Sept. 18 at the Richmond location

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**HERE'S TO OUR CO-OP**

# Giving back with a backpack

**Me to We.** New line of charity, eco-friendly school supplies helps children across the globe

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For Metro

When Canadian students are ready for their back-to-school shopping, they will want to check out an exclusive new line of eco-friendly school supplies available at Staples. The Me to We Back to School Collection includes backpacks, lunch bags, reusable water bottles, tablet sleeves and notebooks.

Founded by Toronto brothers Craig and Marc Kielburger, Me to We is an innovative social enterprise that offers socially conscious products and services, as well as life-changing volunteer trips. Half of Me to We's net profit is donated to its Free the Children charity.

With each Me to We Back to School Collection product purchased, a child or family in a Free the Children community overseas receives a

life-changing gift to help them learn without facing hunger, thirst and financial restraints.

To develop the Back to School Collection, Me to We partnered with ACCO Brands Corp. and Staples. ACCO Brands is one of the world's largest suppliers of branded school, office and consumer products; the company designs, markets and sells products in more than 100 countries.

For the Me to We Back to School Collection, ACCO



Brands spent more than a year developing the environmentally friendly products, helping come up with the concept and design, then manufacturing them.

"This partnership was a great fit for our company because we support both

sustainability and education," said Cristina Franco, the director of marketing at ACCO Brands.

As part of Me to We's Track Your Impact initiative, all of the school supplies come with a unique eight-digit code for buyers to track exactly where their purchase gives a gift. Each product provides something different; for example, the backpacks give students school supplies for one year, binders ensure that a tree will be planted, lunch bags give a child a healthy meal, and reusable water bottles provide a



year of clean drinking water for one person.

"We were very excited and proud when this partnership came to life," Franco said. "It's all about empowering Canadian students to make a positive difference in the world by purchasing cute, cool, high-quality school supplies."



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## Junior hockey

### Reinhart tunes out of the NHL

New Buffalo Sabres signing Sam Reinhart wants to focus on nothing else but making Canada's national junior hockey team.

The 18-year-old Reinhart is taking part in Canada's one-week development camp being held just outside Montreal. The squad is preparing for the 2015 world junior championship, which gets underway Dec. 26 in Toronto and Montreal.

Reinhart joins 38 other young Canadians vying for a spot on head coach Benoit Groulx's final 22-man roster. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Football

### Tebow embracing TV job, but isn't giving up on NFL

Tim Tebow still wants — and trains for — another NFL opportunity.

Still, while the 26-year-old free agent quarterback waits for another chance to play, he isn't about to let a potential dream job pass him by.

Tebow is embracing his latest passion: working as a football analyst for ESPN's new SEC Network, which debuts Aug. 14.

"I love doing this," an enthusiastic Tebow told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I want to do this for a long time. I love talking football, and I love being around it."

Tebow said his agent has fielded some calls from interested NFL teams — he declined to name which teams — but added no deal is imminent.

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# Canada has a ray of hope in Raonic

**Rogers Cup.** Canadian tennis star claws back against Sock to keep Canadian contingent alive at Rexall Centre

Milos Raonic wasn't perfect, but he's still alive at the Rogers Cup.

Raonic had his serve going amid some erratic shots as he came back to beat American Jack Sock 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4) on centre court Wednesday night at Rexall Centre.

Fans chanted "Let's go Milos" between points, cheering on the last Canadian left in the field. On Tuesday, all four men who played singles were eliminated, and Eugenie Bouchard bowed out in Montreal.

Raonic stunted that momentum with 15 aces that helped offset some struggles in returning Sock's serve. He won 79 per cent of his first-serve points but was broken in the first set to cause the 23-year-old to fall behind.

In the second set, Raonic held serve before blowing out Sock in the tiebreak. He needed another tiebreak to finish off the match.

"There was a little sliver of an opening and I managed to squeeze my way through," Raonic said immediately after the match.

Raonic will face Julien Benneteau of France on Thursday night. Benneteau upset 11th-seeded Ernests Gulbis Wednesday after beat-



Milos Raonic serves against Jack Sock on Wednesday night at Rexall Centre in Toronto. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Maria Sharapova blows kisses after her 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over No. 27 Garbine Muguruza of Venezuela on Wednesday in Montreal. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

ing former world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the first round.

By edging Sock, Raonic

can keep his recent momentum going.

He won last week's Citi

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Open in Washington by beating Vasek Pospisil in the first-ever all-Canadian final a month after becoming the first Canadian to reach the Wimbledon semifinals.

Raonic came into the week tied for his career high in the rankings at No. 6.

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# Blue Jays back in the AL East chase



Jose Bautista gets a big fist bump from third base coach Luis Rivera on his two-run home run on Wednesday in Toronto. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Right-hander Drew Hutchison allowed only a home run and a walk over 8 2/3 innings and Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs on Wednesday as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped a four-game losing streak with a 5-1 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

Hutchison (8-9) struck out eight and walked one to win for the second time in his past three starts.

A second-inning home run by Chris Davis was the only Orioles hit against him.

The Blue Jays had 12 hits.

## On Wednesday

5

Blue Jays

1

Orioles

Hutchison was removed from closer Casey Janssen after he walked Nick Markakis with two out in the ninth. Janssen retired Manny Machado on a foul to first to end the game.

The second-place Blue Jays (61-54) moved to within four games of the first-place Orioles (64-49) in the American League East and ended Baltimore's three-game winning streak.

The teams play the rubber match of the series Thursday.

Hutchison entered the game with a poor record at Rogers Centre this season, 2-5 with a 7.71 earned-run average over his eight starts there before Wednesday. He is 5-4 with a 3.27 ERA in 14 starts on the road this season.

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### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Something out of the ordinary will happen today that you will be able to take advantage of. A few days from now you will be singing your own praises!

#### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets will give you the chance to be of service to someone who does not share your strength of character. What you do for others now will, one day, come back to you.

#### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Today's Sun-Mercury link will do wonders for your confidence and popularity. Just remember that it's not possible to accept each and every invitation.

#### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Money isn't everything but it has its place in the world and with more of it you'd be able to do some of the things you have dreamed about. Use your talents in a more focused way.

#### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets will give a major boost to your self-belief over the next 24 hours and before the day is over you will have started something that has the potential to transform your life.

#### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Cosmic activity in Leo may at times make you doubt yourself but today you have enough mental energy to overcome that negative outlook.

#### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You'll come into contact with people who share your ideals. They'll also boost your belief that you can make a difference by working with others.

#### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A career change is likely soon. Whether it is a change you make or a change that is forced on you remains to be seen but if you do feel so inclined then make the first move.

#### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how busy you may be you won't be satisfied until you have booked a vacation or promised friends that you'll visit them over the weekend. Travel brings out the best in you.

#### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You have fears that can hold you back from fulfilling your potential, but today's influences will help you confront them and overcome them.

#### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If there is someone you want to get closer to, you must let them know how you feel. On the work front, too, the more you open up to others, the more they will want to do for you.

#### ♓ Pisces

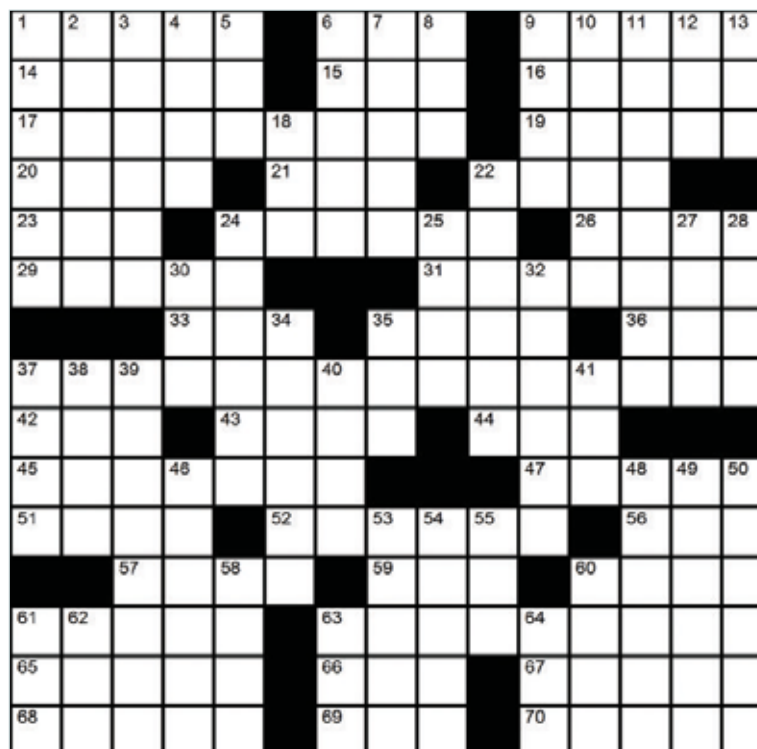
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be the sort who spends more time dreaming than doing but today the planets will inspire you to take a more hands-on approach.

### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Cross

1. Grind to \_\_\_\_
6. Shopping estab.
9. Colorado resort
14. Lenny Kravitz's alias in his early career, \_\_\_\_ Blue
15. Yes: French
16. Depart
17. Celebrity chef offerings
19. \_\_\_\_ fork
20. Toronto's University and Danforth, e.g.
21. Communication syst.
22. \_\_\_\_-neck sweater
23. Bird bill
24. "Every \_\_\_\_ You Take" by The Police
26. Verdi opera
29. Movie category
31. Nice money amount: 2 wds.
33. Alien sitcom
35. Gomer \_\_\_\_ (Jim Nabors role)
36. Inventor Mr. Whitney
37. "Electric Pow Wow Drum" DJ crew from Ottawa: 4 wds.
42. Baby for Kanga
43. Viva voce
44. Letters for T-shirt sizes
45. \_\_\_\_ of Parliament
47. Ex-Montreal baseball team
51. Parkay, for one
52. PEI part
56. Compass pt.
57. Scandinavian rugs
59. Record co.



60. Wholly \_\_\_\_ part
61. Warship-related
63. Joey \_\_\_\_, Newfoundland's first provincial Premier, in 1949
65. Laud
66. Apple devices platform

67. \_\_\_\_ Bay, Newfoundland
  68. "This is \_\_\_\_ sudden!"
  69. Medical pros
  70. Canadian guitarist Mr. Cook
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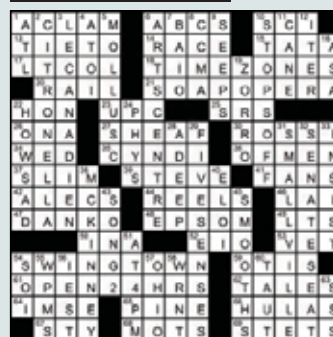
- movie director)
2. Vacuum+cleaner company
3. Particular protozoan
4. Monetary units in Albania
5. From A \_\_\_\_ (Step-by-step)

6. Archie Comics character
7. "\_\_\_\_, Fran and Ollie" (Classic puppet TV show)
8. Poetic contraction
9. And
10. St. Lawrence \_\_\_\_
11. 100th Anniver-

sary! Calgary luxury hotel which opened in 1914: The Fairmont

12. Ms. Longoria
13. Mr. Beatty
18. Paddle
22. Pops in the freezer for a bit
24. Rocky \_\_\_\_ (Sylvester Stallone role)
25. Texter's sign-off
27. Mr. Hill of "The West Wing"
28. During
30. Spring month in Montreal
32. Considered
34. "\_\_\_\_ Bueller's Day Off" (1986)
35. Chum
37. Son of folk legend Woody
38. Work hard
39. City in Quebec
40. Islets
41. Gladiator's 560
46. Lorde song
48. Eva and Juan in "Evita" (1996)
49. Kitchen's tears inducers
50. E-Mail getter, say
53. Squeezed fruit
54. Gather
55. Naught
58. Choir voice
60. "\_\_\_\_ is me." (Sniff, sniff)
61. PBS funding org.
62. GNR's Mr. Rose
63. Gentleman's title
64. President after JFK

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### Sudoku

#### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

### Yesterday's Sudoku

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2	6	8	4	9	7	5	3	1
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